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FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

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E.O. E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SWEL, HA

SUBJECT: ANTHRAX IN HAITI

REF: STATE 81627 AND P-AU-P 0760

1. USPHS TEAM INVESTIGATING ANTHRAX IN HAITI REPORTED FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY FINDINGS TO EMBASSY: (A) HUMAN ANTHRAX IS NOT UNCOMMON, ESPECIALLY IN SOUTH OF HAITI AND THERE ARE OCCASIONAL FATALITIES (TWO WERE REPORTED RECENTLY); (B) ALTHOUGH THERE ARE LIMITED STATISTICS ON ANIMAL ANTHRAX, TEAM JUDGES IT IS VERY COMMON AND NOTES THAT ANIMAL VACCINATION CAMPAIGN REACHES ONLY ABOUT TEN PERCENT OF CATTLE AND LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF OTHER SPECIES, INCLUDING GOATS; AND (C) PROCESSING OF SKINS BEFORE USE IN HANDICRAFT ARTICLES IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO KILL ANTHRAX SPORES.

2. SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT U.S. WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PERMIT ENTRY OF ARTICLES MADE OF GOATSKIN IN NEAR FUTURE. KAUFMANN OF CDC TEAM NOTED POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, THAT U.S. MIGHT BE ABLE PERMIT ENTRY OF DRUMS AND PURSES MADE FROM FULLY TANNED CATTLE SKINS AND MIGHT ALSO BE ABLE TO STOP U.S. PUBLICITY ON ANTHRAX IF GOH TOOK INITIATIVE ON ITS OWN BEHALF TO BAN SALE AND EXPORT OF ARTICLES MADE FROM RAW GOATSKINS. IF THIS

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TYPE SOLUTION WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO USPHS, EMBASSY PLANS

DISCUSS INFORMALLY WITH GOH, ONCE REPORT OF TEAM HAS BEEN
RECEIVED AND GIVEN TO GOH.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD LIKE 20 COPIES OF TEAM
REPORT AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING USPHS VIEWS ON PARA 2
ABOVE.
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